

receiving a plurality of resource entries, wherein each resource entry indicates any associated personnel, any associated hardware, any associated software, and any associated services;

receiving mapping information that shows a relationship between the plurality of task entries and the plurality of resource entries;

processing the plurality of task entries, the plurality of resource entries and the mapping information to formulate a business model; and

generating a forward-looking report after the processing step and related to the business model.

2. (As Filed) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, further comprising a step of attributing overhead expenses to the organization as a whole.

3. (Amended) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, wherein one of the plurality of resource entries is associated with at least one system entry.

4. (As Filed) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, wherein:

at least one of the activity entry, the resource entry, the task entry, and the system entry is derived from a template; and

the template is not produced by an end user.

5. (Amended) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, further comprising a step of retrieving at least one of the plurality of task entries and the plurality of resource entries from a predefined template.

6. (As Filed) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 1, wherein the organization comprises at least one of a project(s), a department(s), a whole company, and a family of companies.

7. (Amended) A method for activity-based business modeling for an organization without requiring historical information from a general ledger for the organization, the method comprising steps of:

receiving a task entry and a resource entry;

correlating the task entry to the resource entry;

processing the resource entry and the task entry before entry of any historical information for the organization, wherein a business model for the organization is formulated;

generating a forward-looking report using the business model.

8. (As Filed) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 7, further comprising a step of processing an activity entry.

9. (As Filed) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 7, further comprising a step of processing a system entry.

10. (As Filed) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 9, further comprising a step of determining a demand for the system entry for an activity volume.

11. (As Filed) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 7, wherein the forward-looking report is chosen from the group consisting of: a head count report, a multi-year projection, and an activity-based costing report.

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12. (As Filed) The method for activity-based business modeling for the organization as recited in claim 7, further comprising steps of:  
processing an activity entry; and  
processing a system entry, wherein:  
at least one of the activity entry, the resource entry, the task entry, and the resource entry is derived from a template; and  
the template is not produced by an end user.

13. (Amended) An activity-based business modeling program product for producing a business model of an organization without requiring historical information from a general ledger for the organization, the program product comprising:

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code for processing at least two of an activity entry, a task entry, a resource entry, and a system entry;  
code for receiving an activity volume over a predetermined time period, wherein:

the activity entry comprises the activity volume, and  
the predetermined time period is a multiple of a time period used for the business model;  
code for mapping together at least two of the activity entry, the task entry, the resource entry, and the system entry;  
code for generating a forward-looking report after the processing step and related to the at least two; and  
a machine-readable medium comprising the codes.

14. (As Filed) The activity-based business modeling program product for the organization as recited in claim 13, further comprising code for attributing overhead expenses to the organization as a whole.